

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 26, line 1, and ending at page 26, line 8, with the following paragraph. The amendments to this paragraph are indicated by strikethrough and underlining.*

Accordingly, still another aspect of the present invention contemplates a treatment protocol for a disease condition in a subject, said protocol comprising the steps of administering to said subject, an effective amount of an ~~a disease condition~~analgesic agent such as an opioid and an amount of flupirtine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, derivative, homolog or analog thereof effective to reduce the level of or otherwise ameliorate the sensation of pain. The disease condition may include any of those listed above. Administration of the ~~disease condition~~analgesic agent may be sequential or simultaneous or independent of the flupirtine.